



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 2019**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**Selectmen Present:** Nancy Carney, Daniel Baker, Charles Kenison

Ms. Carney called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

**PRIMARY:**

**\*\*\* APPROVE MINUTES**  
**- January 28, 2019**

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

**\*\*\* APPROVE MANIFESTS**

Mr. Kenison made a motion to approve the manifests. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

**\*\*\* REVIEW SIGNATURE FOLDER – The Selectmen reviewed and signed.**

**9:15 MEET WITH THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Nick Noyes and Barbara Green from the Lock Advisory Group met with the Selectmen to discuss the appraisal. Mr. Noyes asked about insurance to make sure the collection, valued at \$344,675, was covered. Ms. Favreau shared that it was scheduled and added to the insurance policy. Ms. Favreau would forward a copy of the policy to them.

Mr. Noyes stated the next step was to find a museum to put the collection out on loan and to provide a secure place to house. Mr. Noyes shared that a \$1,000 was needed for consultant services. The consultant would find out whom to contact at museums.

Mr. Noyes asked about displaying the collection for the town. Mr. Noyes shared that they have packed and unpacked the items a few times now. Each time they use gloves and archival paper. Ms. Green stated it shouldn't be handled anymore and that it wasn't ready to be displayed. The next stage was to decide what to do for the long term. Mr. Baker asked if it could end up in a museum or donated to one. Ms. Green shared that it was gifted in 1907 for the purpose of edification of Town's people. It was specified clearly by the donor's that they wanted it displayed for the Town's people. Mr. Baker felt the consultant would know how to store. Mr. Noyes shared it was important for it to be on display for people to see and not touch per the request. Ms. Green stated that since the collection wasn't secure or in a temperature controlled environment it was important to find a place. Ms. Green suggested the Hood Museum of Art at Dartmouth College. Mr. Baker thought they could save consultant fees if the museum would have consultants. Ms. Green shared that a consultant they would use has worked in the field and has contacts. In order to get the attention of the museum you need to contact the right people. Mr. Noyes shared they would have an attorney look over Sarah Stowe's bequest. Ms. Green shared that the collection can't be sold without going to Probate Court and there are still family in the area and in Hawaii that the collection would need to be returned to. Mr. Baker stated the Town has spent a lot of money to get the collection back. Ms. Carney shared that the collection being at a museum and having it safely exhibited was important. Ms. Carney thought that should be the next step.

Mr. Baker mentioned that before going to a museum that it could be displayed for the people of Fitzwilliam. Mr. Noyes shared that they had thought about having a short period of maybe a day to review and since they have good photographs and descriptions, they could make a display for the Library in pictures. Ms. Carney thought a viewing would be nice but there is concern about moving it again. Mr. Kenison mentioned the NH Historical Society in Concord in addition to the Hood Museum.

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Ms. Favreau gave them a copy of the insurance policy. Mr. Baker noted that it has been scheduled but it would also be listed in the policy giving the policy period. Mr. Noyes and Ms. Green reviewed the information. Ms. Favreau would get a copy of the policy and forward to them.

### **9:45 MEET WITH PLANNING BOARD CHAIR, SUZANNE GRAY - Chinook Solar Update**

Suzanne Gray met with the Selectmen to discuss her conversation with an attorney. At the last Planning Board meeting, Chinook Solar was asked to provide copies of their documents. Planning Board members wanted an expert that was representing the Town's best interests. Ms. Carney shared that at that meeting, she requested that Ms. Gray meet with the Selectmen to discuss the Planning Board's meeting with Chinook Solar.

Terry Silverman arrived to participate in the discussion. Ms. Gray updated Mr. Silverman on what had been discussed prior to his arrival. Ms. Carney asked what the Planning Board wanted and asked if it couldn't be included in the MOU, if Chinook was opposed to the Site Plan Review. Discussion was held on the process of the Site Plan Review, which could hold up the process, whether open ended, Site Plan Review has legal right, if projects get sued later – the Town is linked to that property via the MOU. Ms. Gray noted that Attorney Cunningham advised that we needed a Notice of Decision, which is what comes out at the end of the Site Plan Review. It holds more weight than the MOU. Mr. Silverman wanted to see if this is the project in perpetuity or are they going to come back later on for an addition. Mr. Baker asked if a letter was written asking them to come to Site Plan Review and if they refuse is that MOU still of value. If you could outline the areas of concern and get Chinook to agree, so that we have the ability to hire outside sources, was it still worth it or should we go through the SEC. Mr. Silverman stated they needed to talk with Attorney Cunningham. Ms. Gray shared that she has talked to Attorney Cunningham three times and he hasn't charged them.

Ms. Favreau cautioned if talking about Attorney client privilege, we needed to go into non-public.

At 9:56 a.m. Ms. Carney made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(e). Mr. Kenison seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

At 10:25 a.m. Mr. Baker made a motion to leave non-public session. Mr. Kenison seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

Ms. Gray shared that the Economic Committee has scheduled the next Fantasy Faire for October 5<sup>th</sup> and asked if Templeton Turnpike could be closed along the common from the Library to Gary Taylor's shop. Ms. Carney would like the hydrant to be accessible should something occur. Discussion was held on parking for the vendors. Ms. Gray shared that she would get back to the Selectmen with more information.

### **10:15 MEET WITH BARBARA YOUNG - Funding Formula**

Barbara Young met with the Selectmen to discuss the funding formula. Ms. Young shared that the chart Kristen Noonan had presented was based on a thirty million dollar budget. The 75/25 and 50/50 information was also based on a thirty million dollar budget but the Warrant Article was for a thirty-two million dollar budget. Ms. Young discussed the implications of the 75/25 and 50/50 on a thirty-two million dollar budget before State Aid. Ms. Young discussed the costs if everything on the Warrant Article passed. Mr. Baker asked about the demographics - the decline in the student population and how the School Board would prepared for the decline. Ms. Young shared that the student population was going up. Ms. Young shared that building renovations would be driving up the cost. Ms. Young asked if it was time that we got aggressive with the State instead of the School Board. Discussion was held on cost per student, homeschoolers, private school, School Board representation, earnings per household, School Board refusing to get involved with the formula, if changed to 50/50 stays for 5 years, the impact on the December tax bill if changed to 50/50, cost of moving out of the district, change needed to happen at the State level, and what were the options.

The Selectmen agreed that an impactful message needed to be drafted indicating the costs associated with a change in the formula. Ms. Favreau suggested getting an article in the newsletter urging residents to get out and vote. Ms. Favreau asked about using the signs again this year. The Selectmen also agreed to contact Roxbury to work on a joint flyer. Ms. Carney would also contact Richmond.

### **\*\*\* REVIEW LETTER FROM CHINOOK**

The Selectmen reviewed the letter from Chinook Solar backing out of the voluntary Site Plan Review. Discussion was held on the MOU that they were willing to do in lieu of the Site Plan Review. Mr. Baker suggested asking the Planning Board what

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they wanted. Mr. Kenison shared that he didn't know if the Planning Board knew what they wanted and they haven't gotten down to the details other than the Site Plan Review.

**\*\*\* REVIEW COVER PHOTO OF TOWN REPORT**

Ms. Favreau shared that Scott Hagstrom had taken the picture. The Selectmen approved of the cover photo.

**\*\*\* REVIEW E-MAIL FROM JOE HOPPOCK**

Ms. Carney reviewed the e-mail from Attorney Joe Hoppock. Mr. Baker asked about the settlement. Ms. Favreau shared that she hasn't heard anything on the agreement that the Selectmen approved and she would e-mail Gary Robarge from Avitar to follow-up. Mr. Baker asked about the Stay Orders from Judge Nadeau.

**\*\*\* REVIEW CHANGES MADE TO PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

- **XXI – LEAVE – A. Annual Leave (Vacation) – 1. Full-time Employees – a.3**
- **XI – HIRING POLICY – C.3**

**XXI – LEAVE – A. Annual Leave (Vacation) – 1. Full-time Employees – a.3** - Ms. Favreau shared the Selectmen had requested changes to the policy. Mr. Baker asked about clarifying vacation and the minimum hours worked per week to be considered a full-time employee. After discussion the Selectmen agreed to defer a decision on this policy to a later date.

**XI – HIRING POLICY – C.3** - The Selectmen reviewed the addition of C.3 to the Hiring Policy. C.3 would read: *At the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, on an individual case by case basis, exceptions may be made when warranted.* The Selectmen had previously approved the addition.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **Southwest Region Planning Commission Survey** – The Selectmen reviewed and discussed.
- **Drummond Woodsum letter regarding school budget** – The Selectmen reviewed and discussed.
- **Follow-up on Rental of Town Property request** – Ms. Favreau asked if Bill Davis had been contacted. Mr. Baker would contact Mr. Davis after the meeting.

Ms. Carney shared that the Budget Public Hearing was on Thursday at 7 p.m. Mr. Baker asked Ms. Carney if Bill Prigge had approved of the changes to the Board of FireWards. It was noted that a Warrant Article has already been submitted.

Ms. Favreau drafted a letter to the Town of Troy regarding the maintenance of Upper Gap Mountain Road. The Selectmen agreed to wait until after the election.

**ON-GOING BUSINESS:**

- **STEEPLE PROJECT** – Mr. Baker was scheduling a visit with Jay Southgate at his shop.

**February Meeting Schedule:**

**9:00 a.m. – Tuesday, February 5, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m. – Monday, February 11, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m. – Tuesday, February 19, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m. – Monday, February 25, 2019**

Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Mr. Kenison seconded and the motion passed. 3-0

Submitted by:

Sheryl White  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

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Nancy Carney, Chairman

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Daniel Baker

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Charles Kenison  
Board of Selectmen